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### POSSIBLE ENDING OF WORLD

French Scientist Shows How It May Come Through Admission of Ocean to Interior.

A new kind of end of the world has been imagined by M. Louis Raoult, a French scientist. Some times it has been suggested that the world will gradually become cold, so that life will be frozen out. M. Raoult, however, thinks it possible that the earth might end in an incandescent blaze.

The earth's crust, he says, is very thin at the bottom of the sea, and should it give way in consequence of volcanic action, the earth might be consumed in flames.

"Suppose," he states, "that, following an extraordinary twisting movement, due to retreat of the central mass, a large mass of the seabottom should give way, and, falling suddenly, should let in the mass of the ocean's waters upon the incandescent interior matter. The water would be decomposed by the heat, the hydrogen would burn, and it would burn more as it had access to more oxygen."

"The conflagration would then gain in force, accompanied by electric phenomena, and the greater part of the earth's crust would probably be displaced. The earth, passing through a critical epoch and returning for the time being to its formative period, would again be nothing but a globe of fire."

### A CLOSE MAN



"I don't believe in doing things by halves."

"Well, I've never known you to spend more than a quarter."

### FELINE STOWAWAYS.

Cats as stowaways was the unpleasant experience of a captain of a steamer which recently reached Aberdeen from the United States. Shortly after leaving port he was made aware of the presence of his unwelcome passengers, and upon investigation discovered eleven cats of all shades and conditions. Black, white, gray and piebald cats of all ages, frisky young mothers and be-whiskered old tomcats, made up the crowd, and life on board the steamer was made miserable with their fighting and vocalizing. Since arriving in port, Captain Johnson has turned the crowd ashore several times, but has been unable to get rid of them. When ready for sea he intends to have a watchman at every line to prevent their getting aboard again. The officers of the steamer claim the animals did not use the regular gangway to come aboard, but came over the catheads.

### NATURAL SOURCE.

"Where do these reports which they say influence the markets come from?"

"It is only natural to suppose they come from reporters."

### NATURAL INTERPRETATION.

"Pop, do ships ever faint."  
"What a question, child. Of course not."  
"But there's a story where it says the ship came to."

### SAFER PLACE.

"Smith is dreadfully afraid of being hit by automobiles on the road."  
"What does he do to avoid them?"  
"He walks on the railroad ties."

### THE OBJECTION.

Tenant—I wish you would keep the furnace hot.  
Janitor—Then I'll have to keep it cooled.

### AUTO SARCASM.

Motorist (signing his chauffeur's salary check)—Oh, I say, James, you wouldn't want to buy the car at a bargain, would you?

### BOY STRICTLY "ON THE JOB"

Youth Knew the Rules, and for Brief Space Mr. Edison Was Barred From His Own Plant.

This amusing story of Mr. Edison is being told in New York. The great inventor unlocked the gate leading to the laboratory yard in the Edison plant in West Orange, N. J., one morning recently, and was walking toward his private library on the first floor when he was intercepted by a sixteen-year-old lad, who had just become attached to the laboratory office force.

"No strangers allowed in here," said the boy to the white-haired man. "It is a rule of the building that no one except employees can enter this building unless they have an appointment with Mr. Edison, and you can't see him, because he is at home."

"To whom do I go if I wish to make an appointment to see Mr. Edison?" asked the inventor.

The new boy summoned the secretary, named Meadowcroft, who was astonished to find the "stranger" Mr. Edison himself.

"I have come to take up the work left off by Mr. Edison. I want to know if you're not desirous of employing a man who is willing to work now and then," was the greeting of the inventor to his representative as they shook hands. He added:

"Meadowcroft, that boy you have here is all right. I hope he will continue to see that the rules of this laboratory are faithfully carried out."

### AS TO FIGHTERS



Some fighters fight for money,  
Some fighters fight for fame,  
Some fighters never fight at all  
But get matches just the same.

### BARREL GARDENS.

Many persons have no soil on their immediate land or lot in which gardens can be grown. Sand, cinders, stones, shale or different clays may be the preventing cause. If such is the case, secure a number of barrels, bore a few holes in the bottom for drainage and a few in the sides below the middle, for circulation of the air through the drainage material and lower portion of the soil. Fill the barrels one-fourth full of suitable drainage material, such as pebbles, small stones, charcoal, a few corn cobs, and over this place the soil, which should be rich in plant foods, to within two or three inches of the top, so that when pouring water on the surface of the soil it will not be lost in overflow.

Lettuce, cabbage, tomatoes, melons, cucumbers and other vegetables will grow well in such a prepared bed if the earth is kept moist and the south side of the barrels are shaded with a board or two on very hot days.

Many barren or somewhat waste places can be made to produce handsomely by this simple method of home gardening.

### WILLING.

"You said you'd go through fire and water for me."  
"Show me a combination of the two and I will."—Dallas News.

### DEFINED.

"Pa, what is the great white way?"  
"Following the golden rule, my son."—Pittsburgh Post.

### ROUGH ON OLD GENTLEMAN.

Insurance Examiner—Is there any insanity in your family?  
Cholly van der Rocks—Pa thinks he can play golf!

### COMPLETE.

"Is the car equipment complete?"  
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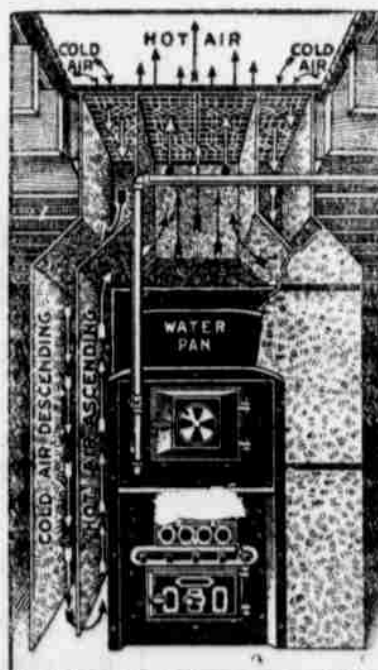
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